(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that there are no such cases, in their notice.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that as part of continuous exercise for redeployment of surplus staff for gainful utilization, a Committee has been constituted which has, *interalia*, the mandate to identify cases where there is apparent glaring mismatch between the age as per physical appearance and the age as per official records. Action as per CCS (Medical Examination) Rules, 1957 is to be taken, if any, such cases are identified by the said committee.

(e) Question does not arise.

Habitat Centres

595. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has set-up Habitat Centres in certain States;

(b) if so, the number of Habitat Centres set up by HUDCO in Orissa so far;

(c) the details of other projects to be taken up by HUDCO in Orissa; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to make HUDCO Niwas Scheme more competitive in the present lower interest regime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) is interacting with various State Governments, including Government of Orissa for setting up of Habitat Centres in the State Capitals/cities identified by the State Government. However, no state Habitat Centre has been established as yet.

(c) HUDCO has financed a variety of schemes for providing shelter and improving infrastructure in the state of Orissa. Details of HUDCO

operations cumulative upto 31.10.2002 are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(d) "HUDCO Niwas", the retail housing finance scheme of HUDCO is regularly reviewed and rate of interest and lending norms are modified in line with the market trends. Board of Directors of HUDCO has approved opening of 51 new sub-offices and camp offices to increase the outreach of HUDCO Niwas. Out of these 51 new offices, 9 are already operational.

Statement

HUDCO Operations in Orissa (cumulative upto 31.10.2002)

I) HOUSING

2 Million Housing Programme	
Schemes sanctioned	342
Project Cost (Rs. in crore)	1191
Loan Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	854

Residential Dwelling Sanctioned

Category	Number
Economically Weaker Section (Urban)	33686
Economically Weaker Section (Rural)	211554
Low Income Group	40601
Medium Income Group	10334
High Income Group	4681
Upgraded (Urban)	15283
TOTAL	**316139**

Plots sanctioned	7426
Individual Housing under HUDCO Niwas	
No. of applications approved	200424
Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	911.73

II) URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

No. of projects sanctioned	18

Project cost (Rs. in crore)	259
Loan sanctioned	135
Integrated Low Cost Sanitation	
No. of Projects sanctioned	63
Project Cost	12.19
Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	4.07
Subsidy sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	4.76
No. of sanitation units	51597
Basic Sanitation	
No. of projects sanctioned	11
Project Cost	5.37
Loan sanctioned	2.47
No. of sanitation units	33383

Purchase of Poor Quality Paper by DoP

596. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had reported to the PAC that Directorate of Printing had purchased about 90121.244 MT. Printing paper worth Rs. 210.46 crores during the period between January, 1992 to April, 2000;

(b) whether CAG during its investigation found that quality of printing paper so purchased/procured had detariorated as a result paper was wasted during process of printing and the consumption hovered around 31 per cent to 44 per cent; and

(c) whether his Ministry propose any stern action against responsible official for the loss so occurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Directorate of Printing had purchased about 94121.244 MT. Printing paper worth Rs. 210.46 crores during the period between January, 1992 to April, 2000.